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## LOG OF MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

Sunday, August 18, 1996

MEETING WITH:

General Federation of Women's Clubs

LOCATION OF MEETING:

The Mayflower Hotel

1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

MEETING REQUESTED BY: General Federation of Women's Clubs

ATTENDEES:

Commission:

Elizabeth W. Leland, ECM

Non-Commission:

Approximately 150 state leaders of

women' clubs throughout the United

States

Barbara Pitasce, U.S. Fire Administration

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Elizabeth W. Leland, EC

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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Ms. Leland was asked to address the issue of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and its prevention and detection. speech was part of a Safety for Older Americans Seminar sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). Information about the GFWC is attached, as is their request to hear about carbon monoxide poisoning.

Ms. Leland described the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) statistics concerning deaths and injuries from CO poisoning associated with the use of household fuelburning appliances.

Using the Commission's "Senseless Killer" brochure, which had been distributed by GFWC to all attendees, Ms. Leland discussed the characteristics of CO, the symptoms of CO poisoning, some possible sources of CO poisoning in the home, and some of the clues to the occurrence of CO poisoning.

Ms. Leland then discussed the role of both prevention and detection in reducing the deaths and injuries associated with CO poisoning. With respect to prevention, Ms. Leland emphasized the importance of an annual inspection of appliances, and the importance of being aware of the symptoms of CO and of being

aware that CO poisoning sometimes is misdiagnosed as the "flu". With respect to detection, Ms. Leland described the various characteristics of detectors currently on the market -- shapes, sizes, prices, places of purchase, types of power source. Ms. Leland emphasized that consumers should never ignore a sounding detector.

Ms. Leland concluded by answering questions and hearing comments from the audience.